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RE: Changes Related to the Shortened Settlement Cycle (T+2)
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On March 22, 2017, the SEC adopted amendments to Exchange Act Rule 15c6-1(a) to shorten the standard settlement cycle for securities trades from T+3 to T+2. As previously announced, to facilitate this change, the New York Stock Exchange, NYSE American, and NYSE Arca (together the "NYSE Exchanges") have amended their rules to provide that regular way settlement will occur on a T+2 basis for trades occurring on or after the SEC's implementation date of September 5, 2017. The amended rules will also shorten the time period for which transactions in stocks shall be ex-dividend or ex-rights. The SEC notices for the proposed rule changes can be found at:

https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro/nyse/2017/34-81231.pdf (NYSE)

https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro/nyseamer/2017/34-81232.pdf (NYSE American)

https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro/nysearca/2017/34-81325.pdf (NYSE Arca)

Listed companies should particularly note that the shortened settlement cycle will result in a change in the NYSE Exchanges' policy with respect to ex-dividend trading. Currently, the NYSE Exchanges commence ex-dividend trading two trading days before the record date for a dividend or other distribution. Upon implementation of the new settlement cycle, ex-dividend trading will commence one trading day before the record date. Please note that the transition to T+2 trading will cause September 7, 2017 to be the settlement day for trades that occurred on both September 1 and September 5. Consequently, to avoid confusion, the NYSE Exchanges and the other Self-Regulatory Organizations have agreed with DTCC that no securities will become ex-dividend on September 5, 2017. The following summarizes how ex-dividend trading dates will be set during this transition period.

- Securities paying a dividend with a record date of September 7 will be traded ex-dividend on September 6.
- Securities paying a dividend with a record date of September 8 will be traded ex-dividend on September 7.
- Securities paying a dividend with a record date of September 6 will be traded ex-dividend on September 1 (because of the Labor Day holiday on September 4).
- Securities paying a dividend with a record date of September 5 will be traded ex-dividend on August 31.

Please contact the NYSE Operations Team at (212) 656-5505 if you have any questions.